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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Breastfeeding Coalition are
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 3, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving breastfeeding rates, the
4 coalition works to promote a public environment that accepts and
5 supports mothers in this healthy practice; medical authorities such
6 as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of
7 Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the United States Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention all strongly recommend
9 breastfeeding, and the U.S. surgeon general has issued a call to
10 action in this regard; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the CDC, breastfeeding is one of the
12 most effective measures a mother can take to protect the health of
13 her infant; breastfeeding protects babies from a wide range of
14 infections and illnesses, and breastfed babies are less likely to
15 develop asthma; in addition, it reduces the risk of sudden infant
16 death syndrome, and children who are breastfed for six months are
17 less likely to become obese; mothers who breastfeed also have a
18 decreased risk of breast and ovarian cancers; and

19 WHEREAS, Cost-benefit analyses performed by private
20 researchers and by the federal government have found that increases
21 in breastfeeding reduce costs to the nation's health care system
22 for both acute and chronic illnesses; Texas, with its high rates of
23 obesity and diabetes, stands to benefit significantly by
24 encouraging more mothers to breastfeed; and

1 WHEREAS, Despite the vital advantages conferred by
2 breastfeeding, mothers do not always receive the up-to-date
3 instructions they need, and some current hospital practices make it
4 more difficult to establish successful breastfeeding; mothers may
5 also confront a lack of accommodations at work and in public places;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Texas Breastfeeding Coalition is making a
8 positive difference in the lives of women and children through its
9 efforts to educate the public and improve support for
10 breastfeeding, and a special day to spotlight its endeavors is most
11 fitting; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2015, as Texas Breastfeeding
14 Coalition Lobby Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
15 participating sincere best wishes for the future.